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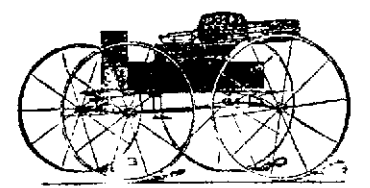
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A Party of Deaf Mutes.

I came upon a picnic party of deaf mutes in the woods along the Harlem river the other day. They were all young people, and seemed to be quite merry and happy.

They were camped on the green sward in true picnic fashion, and had an abundant supply of solids in big baskets. To their invitation to join them, which was extended, I have no doubt, because they thought me an artist, for I had a sketch book in my hand, I complied so far as to drink a bottle of beer that they offered me.

The unamicness of the company became too oppressive, however. And the vocal beauty of nature, where everything had a voice, from the birds to the rippling water and the rustling leaves, the silence of my intertuned nerves proved too much for my nerves.

Turn wherever I might, there were faces that had expression, but lips that uttered no sound. The swift movements of their hands in the sign language only mattered words. Perhaps if I could have used my hands as deftly I might have felt more at home, but I doubt it. The silence had something awful about it, and I wished my beer, gave me a good deal of relief when the thickets hid me from sight and then blushed at the thought that they might have heard me, if they had had ears. Twinkling as the sun it made me quite miserable and I should be ashamed to tell exactly how many glasses of beer were required to cause me to forget the encounter.

I finally realized that afternoon, at a waking moment, the dreadful sensation of a nightmare, when one struggles fruitlessly for speech, and cannot find it, and while a nameless horror weighs down his body, while it seems as though the soul were talking to the experience that night with a medical friend he told me that my case was not an uncommon one. With people who can speak speech becomes a sensitive matter. Many of them cannot get to assume duties in deaf and dumb asylums. They claim that the unnatural stiffness completely upsets nerve. Even the less imaginative and more stolid mental classes are difficult to be got for service in such establishments. Work under such unusual conditions wears them out faster than the serious and anxious labors of hospital and nursing asylums, and men and women who will toil for years amid the most distressing and depressing surroundings, will, on this account, reject opportunities for comparatively easy and comfortable service. After my picnic experience I certainly cannot blame them, either.---Alfred Trumble in New York News.

The Old Style Tobacco Barn. The methods of curing tobacco have undergone a great change in Virginia since the introduction of fires, but on this old plantation they are as primitive as when the colonists first learned the use of tobacco from the Indian. The barns of the farm are unlike any other used for farming purposes in the world. They have no agricultural pretenses, being generally a perfect square, with a height several times the width or length, and surrounded by steeply pitched rafters. There are no windows and but one door, just large enough to admit of an entrance. The eaves of the house serve the purpose of chimneys, and otherwise there is no ventilation. Without exception, these barns are built of uneven logs, the crevices being plastered over with the mortar made from clay, making the structure as nearly air tight as it could well be.

The interior of this peculiar building is just as unpretentious as its exterior. There is no floor other than mother earth, and in the center is a deep trench in which a fire is built. Around and above this primitive grate are stretched numerous beams, from which the plants are suspended. Then the fire is started and the work of curing is begun. In the opinion of the old time planter the fire must not be allowed to blaze. It is smoke that is wanted, and so the coals are kept in a continual smolder. Oak and hickory are much used for curing purposes, but many of the old time planters use spruce, fir and sweetgum, under the impression that it improves the flavor of the weed. Those who have adopted the modern improvements, however, scout the idea as ridiculous. Without exception, these barns still believe in a tradition that was handed down from the Indians.---R. S. Clutter in Detroit Free Press.

The Gilded Bowdies of Gotham. There is a choice gang of these gilded toughs that make its headquarters in certain proscribed resorts, and distinguishes itself by many acts of rowdiness that the police have hitherto winked at. Several days since, on their regular circuit of exorcism on their parting currency about town, and every now and then a grave family lawyer is sent skurrying in the newspaper offices to use his influence to keep the flagrant offenders out of print. The gang generally succeeds, too. If he did not, the public chronicles of the year would present some curious reading.

They would tell of assaults that nearly ended in murder, of forgeries and thefts committed to secure the means to prolong dissipations, of the marriages of sappy heirs to well known molls with ballet scenery, and secret work of the sort, and of a category of offenses, in brief, in which reckless and unprincipled youth can indulge, and wealth and influence be lavished to ward off exposure and punishment. It would be interesting to know the cost to which our Molochs put their protecting families, by the way. From \$10,000 to \$50,000 is known to be the price of a divorce, for a millionaire, from a ballet girl. But it is only when the law flies the expense that the public gets wind of it, and even in these cases, conducted with great secrecy and speed, without delay information is very difficult to procure.---Alfred Trumble in Pittsburgh Bulletin.

The Actor's Ideal Life. People who prate about the glorious life of an actor, and to teaching the public how to be good and great, should take a look at the Rialto. A more flippant set of seedy young men, most of them intent upon nothing more ideal than beer, it will be hard to find, the old men are not flippant, poverty having sobered them, but they are no less seedy. If the object of life is to wear flashy clothes, to drink beer and live in cheap hotels, the average actor gets along pretty well---for a time. If he cares nothing for a home, a wife or children, or the future, he may be happy. I do not sympathize with any means, the attempts of many well meaning people to put the actor outside the ban of society, but I must confess that in proportion to the number of actors there are remarkably few of them who attain what the ordinary man would call prosperity. And a very brief visit to the Rialto any of these fine days would afford ample illustration.---New York Graphic

Process of Restoring Teeth. The operation was performed upon patients at the dental rooms of Dr. J. Albert Kimball by his chief assistant, Dr. Atolling. The root cavities occupied by the decayed teeth were deepened, and natural teeth from other mouths, which had been extracted a considerable length of time, inserted in an upright position. So skillfully indeed were these operations performed, that dentists who were permitted to examine the work after the lapse of a few days, failed to detect the newly inserted member. We regard the achievement in dental surgery which dispenses with the objectionable plates and pivots, and replaces the lost members with step children, the good mother nature takes so kindly, as the ne plus ultra of dentistry.---Herald of Health.

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WOMAN'S WEAK NERVE.

WHY CITY LIFE IS SO TRYING TO THE FAIR SEX.

Nerves on the Street, in the Horse Cars and in the Stores---Results of Prolonged Fast---Monsieur and Madame. Signs.

In the ladies' parlor of a big dry goods establishment the energies of the attendant were taxed by three women in hysterics at one and the same time a few days ago. The sudden onset of a pair of seizures had proved too much for the first victim, and the spectacle of her writhing and twisting figure as half a dozen people fumbled at once for smelling salts had overcome the nerves of the other two. It was noticeable that these sympathetic attacks were most violent and lasted longer than the seizure which had occasioned them.

It is no long time since there was a scene of utter confusion in a horse car, brought about by the momentary peril of a passenger. A heavy wagon brushed close to the side, knocking a man from the platform and under the big horses' heels. White with dust he scrambled to his seat, unharmed, and, simple as it seems, he caught the car again and looked about in surprise and almost in amusement on the rows of women, trembling, unnerved, one slipping from her seat in a faint, and two more uttering hysterical screams.

A popular reader, whose mission it is to amuse society, dropped a poem from her repertory during the past season because there was nothing new, original and novel, sometimes severe, in her audience whose nerves were affected by the recital.

A chance mention of Mansfield's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde at a ladies' lunch brought to light the fact that of eight women who had seen the play one did not sleep at all and two were waked from sleep by the "horrors" after it.

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FOOD FOR INFANTS.

A Physician Gives Some Good Advice to Anxious Mothers---Health Hint.

A to the kind of food best suited to young children, it may be accepted as an axiom that unless the mother's milk positively disagrees with her babe, it is better than any artificial preparation. The rule is that the child will thrive best and have the best chance of life which is nourished at its mother's breast. Even if the milk at first seems to disagree with the child, it will usually be found that this is due to removable causes. By attention to or disregard of hygienic rules the milk may be made healthful or injurious. The mother with an infant at breast should always remember that fact, and regulate her diet accordingly. She should avoid sour foods and drinks and alcoholic stimulants, for these have a direct effect upon her milk. Highly seasoned foods should not be eaten. Pop has a tendency to dry up the milk supply. A little ripe, but not overripe, fruit will do no harm, but care must be taken that it is not green or decomposed. The objects to be obtained from the mother's feeding are to build up her own strength and to produce a plentiful supply of wholesome milk for the child. Eggs are usually excellent. Milk is good, and so is cocoa and bromo. Tender meat, if in a perfect state and well cooked, makes excellent food, but it should be taken with other foods indicated above, so as not to put too much work upon the digestive organs. It may be remembered that preferences in food must always be consulted, for the appearance, odor and taste of food is of nutritive value. The mother should avoid, so far as possible, worry and excitement, and it is highly important that she does not subject herself to overheating. All these things directly affect the quantity and quality of the milk supply.

When on account of the quality or in sufficient quantity of the mother's milk some other food must be provided for the child it is very important that no mistake be made in selecting the substitute. Goat's milk comes nearest to the infant food of nature, but to many people that is out of the question. Besides, even if obtainable, it is sometimes difficult to get fresh milk to drink it on a regular basis, and after this comes cow's milk. This is difficult to obtain in the city in a pure state, and the quality, of course, is not uniform. To people living in the city and occasionally people in suburban circumstances, it is not easy to get cow's milk. It is therefore customary with physicians to recommend condensed milk, because it is more uniform, is liable to decomposition, and is more easily obtained. When cow's milk is used it should be freshly boiled every time the bottle is filled. The boiling destroys any disease germs lurking in the fluid and renders it safe to drink. It is also necessary to add a little lime water, this aids digestion and prevents the acid stomach to which young children are so liable. Many artificial foods for infants are advertised nowadays, but probably none of them are equal to milk properly prepared.

Avoid nursing bottles with long rubber tubes. Milk will collect in them and turn sour in spite of the utmost efforts at cleanliness. They cannot be thoroughly cleaned. Such bottles have produced many cases of intestinal derangement. The simpler the bottle the better. A plain bottle with a rubber nipple is all that is necessary. Have two bottles, and while one is in use keep the other in a strong solution of bicarbonate of soda after it has been thoroughly scoured out. Do not use a nipple too long. It soon becomes saturated with the milk and should be thrown away. These precautions should not be disregarded. Disease germs are less and undelicious acids are rapidly destroyed. Care in these matters makes the difference between a healthy and a sickly child.---W. A. Graham, M. D., in New York World.

The Use of Henna. The henna is an important article of an eastern lady's toilet, particularly on festive occasions; it is prepared from the leaves of a medium sized tree and serves to dye the feet of the women and children red. This henna, as indispensable to eastern ladies, is used for two purposes, as a remedy for boils, prickly heat, itching and the like, and as an ornament for the hands and feet. The leaves, resembling those of the myrtle, are not officious in use alone; they are dried, pulverized and mixed with some lemon juice and water. A stiff paste is made of this, which must be exposed to the sun for several hours; when used it is again softened with lemon juice.

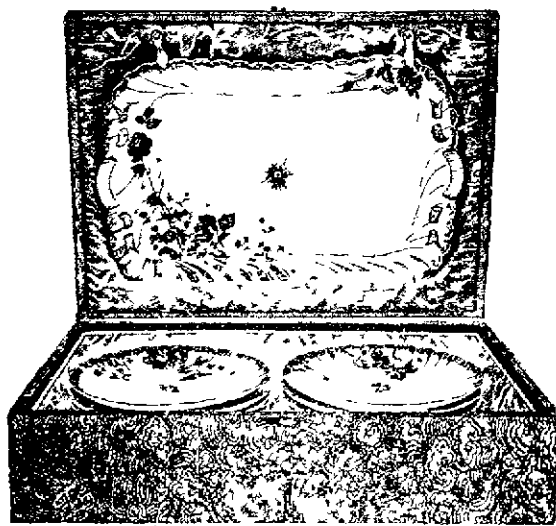
The lady who is about to undergo the dyeing process is stretched out full length on her back and is not allowed to stir. The paste is put on the sole of the foot, the toes included, about an inch thick; the upper part of the feet is never dyed, soft leaves are then applied as a covering and the whole is tightly wrapped in linen. The same process is gone through with the palm of the hand and the fingers. To keep the application in its place she must remain all night perfectly still without moving; for no other parts but those named may move the dye, and a swelling on the back of the hand or on the finger joints is considered a great disfigurement.

All this time she is dreadfully teased by the swarms of mosquitoes and flies, but she dare not move to drive them away. In the upper classes women slaves have to watch all night by their mistress, to keep these plagues off with fans until the paste can be removed in the morning. The same process must be gone through three nights running, to obtain the desired dark red tint; then it sticks for about four weeks and resists all washing.---Memoirs of an Arabian Princess.

Average of Chest Expansion. The average of expansion for the "normal" man is three inches; that is, the difference in chest circumference between the complete expiration and the fullest inspiration. If it falls much below this figure, life companies agree that the individual is an unsafe risk for insurance, because he is not likely to live out his "expectancy."

But systematic exercises will increase the expansion considerably. I have often examined patients and applicants for insurance whose expansion was over four inches, and in a few instances the expansion has reached five inches. In most, not all cases of unusually large expansion the individuals were either vocalists or players on wind instruments, or they had taken special pains to develop their vital capacity. Some years ago, when I first made application for life insurance, my chest expansion was four inches; and this amount was (in a few weeks) increased to five inches by careful exercise, vocal and respiratory.---John L. Davis, A. B. M. D.

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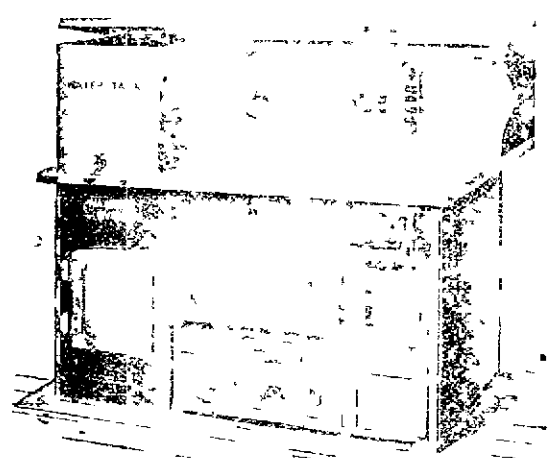
All this class of goods in our stock will be sold by February 1.

We have no space for this stock except during the Holidays, and will close the remnant out, as we do every year, at your own price. We have a few FINE HAVILAND and OTHER makes of CHINA DINNER SETS and AFTER DINNER COFFEE SETS, which will be put into this sale this year. These goods occupy our regular clock space, and we must have it.

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SATURDAY EVE, JAN 17, 1899

LOCAL NEWS.

DINNER SETS—Make your wife a Christmas Present of one—\$10 to \$8, each.

F. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO'S Give the Pansy cigar a trial. CRIMINAL cases in court next week. HONORABLE mechanics at Irwin's. It was 15 degrees above zero this morning felt like snow.

Business men say they will double their subscriptions for the state fair.

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There will be an interesting meeting of the city council Monday night.

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The best of country butter, fresh eggs and Baltimore oysters every day at J. Lytle & Co's grocery store.

The venerable Elder Hiram Buck paid us a pleasant call last night. He has been a member of the Illinois Conference since 1844—nearly 40 years.

Talk up the state fair project. It is a big thing. Encourage all who are able to do so to put their names down for a liberal contribution.

FAMILY groceries to suit you at Macdonald's popular store.

How A. J. LESTER has been made chairman of the Judicial and Practice Committee of the House. This is quite a boost for the young man.

Elephant tooth powders at Irwin's Pharmacy.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Templeton entertained a company of friends in honor of Supt. Stevens and wife, of the Washburn, who arrived last evening in a special coach.

It is easy work for C. B. Prescott to sell the celebrated Haines and Everett pianos because they are acknowledged to be the best.

EVAN PETER, of Cambridge, has died of consumption brought on by wounds received in the army, a large portion of his lower jaw being shot off. For many years he wore a silver plate to answer for a jaw bone.

PHILIP BEZEL, the Water street butcher, sells sugar and lard at 12 1/2 cents per pound, pure breakfast bacon at 12 1/2 cents, and choice kettle rendered lard at 10 cents. Jan 18 at 11.

One of twelve young ladies in Green Bay who met on the 1st of January a year ago and vowed never to marry, nine were married inside of ten months and two of the others have breach of promise suits.

Baltimore oysters and fresh eggs at Moore Bros' grocery store in Opera block.

There was a new camp of Sons of Veterans organized at Bement, Ill., Friday evening. This is the sixth camp of Sons of Veterans organized in Platt county.

The Washburn last evening sent out a solid train of twenty-five cars of cotton consigned to a merchant at Liverpool, England, via Boston. The Red Line route was taken for fast connection with an outgoing steamer.

CALL on Johnson & Spence, grocers on Merchant street. Prompt attention to all orders.

The career of a government clerk is fairly typified in the case of James Ereth, the veteran of the War Department. He began working for the United States in 1829 at \$800 a year. In 1836 he was given \$1,000 in 1850, \$1,250 a year, from 1851 to 1853 he was paid \$1,500 and the next year he was promoted to \$1,600. In 1864 he was given \$1,800, and in 1885, on account of advanced age, was reduced to \$1,600. There he is now at about eighty years of age, and there he will stay, unless, perhaps, he is long enough to suffer further reductions.

Who is Rev. G. W. Gue? He is pastor of one of the leading churches at Rock Island, Ill. A man of broad and liberal mind, cultured intellect and a heart full of sympathy for humanity. He comes to Decatur on the 24th inst. to lecture for Dunham Post 141, G. A. R. The citizens of Decatur may expect a rare treat as Mr. Gue has just the cast of mind, as well as the experience, to enable him to discuss his theme in a masterly manner. Besides, every lecturer of humanity will find ample motive to patronize the lecture in the object for which it is given, viz, the relief fund of the G. A. R. Let the impulse of charity rule.

The Musical College. As has already been made known through the columns of the newspapers, the Decatur Musical College has passed into the hands of a new management. The college is now open to the general public that it is my aim to employ only such teachers as are capable of doing first-class work in their respective departments, thus assuring the public whose liberal patronage has made the college a success, of good results for the future.

Instructions will be given in the following branches: Piano, harmony and theory, vocal, violin, mandolin, guitar, baritone and alto, and in the following languages: French, German, Italian and Spanish. Pupils may enter at any time. For particulars call at the college, corner Main and William streets, or address Jan 18 at 11. OLOF BULL.

Boss' Jersey Suits at Stone's at 11.

RAILWAY MEETING.

The Terre Haute and Peoria Election—Business Good.

The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Terre Haute & Peoria Railway Company was held at the general office of the company in Masonic block today, a majority of the stock being represented in person or by proxy. Messrs. Fairbanks, Conklin and Beale were re-elected directors for two years, the board being constituted as follows:

Directors—C. W. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, D. H. Conklin, Decatur, W. G. Beale, of Chicago, G. O. Chestnut, of Paris, and John W. Burn, of Springfield. The following are the elective and appointive officers for the year:

President—C. W. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis. Vice-President, General Manager and Treasurer—D. H. Conklin, of Decatur. Secretary—Andrew Stevens, of Decatur. Assistant Secretary—G. W. Dittridge, of New York. General Freight and Ticket Agent—Andrew Stevens, of Decatur.

Cashier—E. A. West. Auditor—Walter M. Strunge. The reports showed the road to be in good condition in every way, mainly due to the management of Colonel Conklin.

A New Scheme. A telegram from the state capital states that Springfield may not get the state fair after all, as there is a bill in the House placing it at five alternating points. By this arrangement Freeport, Peoria, Chicago, Decatur, and Centralia are to have a fair once in five years, providing they will set apart the grounds.

The county board should promptly appropriate \$10,000 to improve the far ground property, with the proviso that the state fair is voted to Decatur for four years.

THE GAS ROOM.

Put Your Name Down for a Block of Stock—\$50 a Share.

Decatur is never asleep. Winter and summer her citizens are wide awake and always ready to unite in any enterprise that will advance the growth of our city and benefit her people who have mainly obtained their bank accounts and homes by personal efforts, each helping the other in the different home ventures.

Now we are about to renew the search for natural gas. The Staro Brothers undertook the search alone, but they had but luck with the drill, and now our citizens will divide the expense in the enterprise and renew the drilling at some other point. It is an enterprise that merits liberal encouragement, such as it will undoubtedly receive. Everybody will be given an opportunity to take stock in the books are now open, and Messrs. J. Frank Payne, William Traver and George Staro are calling upon our business men with the subscription paper. They were out a short time this morning and many shares at \$50 each were taken. Only one-third of each share will be required after the \$25,000 is subscribed, and no greater assessment will be made except by the majority vote of the stockholders. The following is a copy of the agreement:

We the undersigned, to the capital stock of the Decatur Natural Gas and Oil Company, do so with the understanding that should gas be obtained in quantities sufficient to pipe that for every share of stock fully paid up the subscriber shall be entitled to the free use of gas to the amount that can be used in his premises. The company shall not be compelled to furnish said gas until pipes have been laid in the vicinity of the shareholder, and then under such regulations as may be adopted by the company, do so, that no more than 10 per cent of the capital stock, shall be collected unless a majority of the stock shall decide to make a further assessment, not to exceed 10 per cent of the stock, but if an 11 is found in paying quantities then it shall be fully paid up. Join in the enterprise. Take one or more shares of the stock. If we strike gas, Decatur will have a boom in business and rapid growth, such as no other city has ever enjoyed. It is the firm faith of the promoters of the enterprise that there is natural gas under Decatur, but we will ever bring it to the surface until we go down with the drill. If at first we should fail, try again.

The experimental outlay is insignificant in comparison with the great benefits to be gained. Those wishing to take stock should see Messrs. Payne, Traver and Staro as soon as possible.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Slough, on Jan. 17, a son.

Mrs. S. S. Middleton is at Champaign visiting Mrs. Kate Thompson.

Senator Johns and Commissioner Rogers returned from Springfield last evening.

Rev. James P. Dimmitt is at Ft. Worth, Texas, where he is the Methodist preaching elder.

John E. Jennings and S. M. Snyder, of Sullivan, were at the S. Nicholas this morning.

Alex. Montgomery returned home last night from a business trip in the vicinity of Kenney.

G. J. Sargent, after an absence of two weeks on business in Illinois and Iowa, got home last night.

C. W. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, President of the Terre Haute & Peoria road, arrived in the city this morning.

Walter Crawford, of Argentina, a pupil of Prof. Bull at the Musical College, has audition to be equal to the professor in the manipulation of the violin.

Sadie, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. W. M. Newton, who resides at 350 West Eldorado street, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. A. B. Chernor, of Quebec, Canada, formerly Madame Levee, has been in the city two weeks on a visit. She has been at Lincoln, Neb., visiting her brother, Will Lewis. Mr. Chernor and J. H. Lewis are now associated together in the publication of city directories.

J. H. Decker, general business agent for the Terre Haute & Peoria road, arrived in the city this morning.

OPERA HOUSE

Thursday Evening, January 24th.

Reminiscences of the War, by Rev. G. W. Gue, is one of the best lectures ever delivered on the American platform, entertaining, instructive and historical. Mr. Gue's style of delivery is fascinating and none should miss the opportunity to hear him.

P. LEON McKINNEY, M. D. (Finn Phinix) Head Physician to Modern Woodmen of America. Residence at 312 A. F. and A. M. this (Saturday) evening for work in third degree. By order of C. L. Hovay, W. M. Wm. HAMMES, Sec.

Surveying Party.

The Indianapolis, Decatur & Western people mean business. They are now getting ready to extend their line westward from Decatur to Beardstown, Ill. S. G. Martin, the civil engineer, and T. McDonough, W. F. McNamara and other members of the surveying party are at the New Deering hotel waiting for the arrival of Mr. Van Sant, the chief engineer. The surveying outfit is at the L. D. & W. freight depot. A few weeks ago one of the engineers made an overland trip from Decatur to Beardstown in a buggy.

The House Committee.

The representatives from the 29th district have received appointments in the legislature on the following committees:

W. H. Kesteven, chairman of Roads and Bridges, and on the following committees: Mines and Mining, Live Stock and Dairy, Insurance, Claims.

R. H. Hill is on the following committees—State Institutions, Live Stock and Dairy, and Reclamation.

D. P. Keller on the following committees—Agriculture and Horticulture, Federal Relations and License.

A Tea Party.

Col. and Mrs. D. H. Conklin entertained a company of friends last evening at their commodious home in a very charming manner, the sumptuous repast being served at six o'clock. The guests were: Mrs. Lingle, of Lafayette, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Quail, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coker, Mr. and Mrs. S. Packard, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Duzick, Mr. and Mrs. James Miliken, Mr. and Mrs. Joo. K. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Race, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Kinsman, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stevens and E. A. West.

In Favor of Enns.

Some months ago allusion was made in these columns of an extensive litigation between Mr. Wm. H. Enns, of this city, and W. B. Stepp, of Los Angeles, New Mexico, involving much and costly interests in that territory. The story of the case is too long and complicated to be gone over now, but information has been lately received here that the territorial courts have decided in favor of Mr. Enns, and that he will recover the money he had invested in the ranch and stock involved. This will be welcome news to many of our citizens, who, without knowing aught of the merits of the case, are interested in whatever interests a citizen of Decatur.

The revival services at the United Brethren church are still increasing in interest. A deep solemnity rests upon the large and constantly increasing congregation. There have been conversions every night during the week. These meetings will continue for the next two weeks.

Sales of Real Estate.

Levi Cates to J. D. Belknap, 120 acres in 21, 18, 4—\$3,400. Henry Flood to S. A. Crossman, 14 acres in 2, 17, 3—\$1,000.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

January Term—E. P. Vail, Judge.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.

Judge Vail is holding court this afternoon, hearing the evidence in a jury trial. Criminal cases will be called Monday.

William M. Land, appellant, vs. George Housman, appeal. Trial by jury pending jury unable to frame verdict.

G. A. Basher, appellant, vs. W. B. and J. T. Bradley, appeal. Trial by jury pending.

People vs. use of Margaret Baker vs. Jacob Reussman, debt. Demurrers to 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10 pleas. Leave to file additional briefs and leave to defendant to file additional pleas.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Andrew Davis vs. James White et al. at fore closure. Report of sale in partition approval and order of distribution made.

J. H. Foster vs. Harvey Pascoe et al. at fore closure. Report of sale approved and continued.

AN ELECTION BERT.

Minor Alsop vs. William Phares. This was an election bet case from Maros, the plaintiff asking the court to give him a decision for \$750. During the late campaign Alsop, who is a Democrat, got into a dispute with Colonel Thomas Snell, of Clinton, whom we all know to be an enthusiastic Republican. Alsop bet Snell \$750 on the general result, and the money was put up in the hands of Phares as the stakeholder, each putting up \$750. A few days after the election Snell demanded his money, but Phares did not pay it over as Alsop had ordered him to hold on to the cash. Phares, under the circumstances, although the wager was clearly defined, still holds the money, as neither Alsop nor Snell can agree. Alsop resolved to go into court and he brought suit against the stakeholder. Judge Vail heard the statement and promptly gave a decision in favor of the Democrat, for the reason that the law does not countenance betting. The defendant by the advice of Mr. Snell took an appeal to the appellate court. In the DeWitt county circuit court Snell has commenced proceedings against Alsop et al. for \$3,000. The course of Mr. Alsop in this plain case is not that of a thoroughbred.

INDICTED.

The grand jury yesterday reported seven in default, five against the following prisoners: James B. Wright, forger; James B. Wright, forger; James B. Wright, forger; James B. Wright, forger; James B. Wright, forger; James B. Wright, forger; James B. Wright, forger.

Mr. Wm. Ellis, of this city, has received a patent for an automatic coupler for freight cars, which promises to revolutionize the freight coupling appliances. This coupler is manipulated from the top of the car, and the model which we have seen seems to be practical and to do the work without fail. When this appliance comes into general use there will be no more lives lost in making couplings.

"A Brass Monkey" To-Night. The comedy company to give Hoyt's latest has arrived and will appear to-night at the opera house. The New York Dramatic News gave the play this endorsement:

"A Brass Monkey." Mr. Charles Hoyt's latest new play, was done on Monday evening at the Union. It was a splendid hit. The writer compares his impression of it with two other first-class plays of the same name, "A Brass Monkey" and "A Hole in the Ground," and the comparison is entirely in favor of "A Brass Monkey." The play is a satire on the press, and is a masterpiece of the kind. Journalism is satirized, the action business is satirized, and the play is a masterpiece of the kind.

Chicago Grain Market. The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.

Wheat—96 1/2 Jan; 96 1/2 Feb; 97 1/2 Mar, 101 1/2 May. Corn—34 1/2 Jan, 34 1/2 Feb; 35 1/2 Mar, 36 1/2 May. Oats—24 1/2 Jan, 25 1/2 Feb; 25 1/2 Mar, 27 1/2 May. Pork—\$12.42 Jan; \$12.42 Feb, \$12.72 Mar. Lard—\$6.85 Jan; \$6.85 Feb, \$7.00 Mar. Hm—\$6.45 Jan, \$6.45 Feb, \$6.62 Mar. Eggs—\$1.00—Estimated receipts—Hog 9,000 prospects steady. Cattle, 5,000; prospects at average. Car Lots—Wheat: Winter, 28; Spring, 15; Corn, 18 1/2; Oats, 7 1/2.

AFTER THE STATE FAIR.

Largely Attended Meeting at the Court House—The Committee.

Decatur is in line for the state fair for four years. Her lighting rod is up as usual, and we now invite the state board to look upon this city, the most desirable point in the state, with especial favor. We can easily furnish the required bond of \$20,000 that we will meet the requirements of the specifications, and we will be on hand at the meeting of the state board at Springfield, February 19, when the final vote will be taken.

That there is lively interest in the question of the location of the fair among our people was fully attested last night by the large gathering of citizens at the court house.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by Mayor Kanan, who stated that he had taken the liberty to call the special meeting after consultation with a number of business men who felt that Decatur ought to make a determined effort to secure the location of the state fair at Decatur. If we secure it the chances would be largely in favor of Decatur over the location permanently.

On motion Dr. H. C. Johns was elected chairman, and Theo. Nelson secretary. After a session of quietude during which the secretary borrowed blank paper from the reporters, there were calls for remarks from the gentlemen present.

Hon. Jason Rogers, who had just arrived from Springfield, where he attended a meeting of the Railroad and Warehouse commissioners, responded to the call. Mr. Rogers said that every citizen must at once realize the importance of a state fair to the city, especially for four years. The fact that it is to be located in February for four years, makes the matter of lively importance. As he understood the situation, it will take \$25,000 to \$23,000 to meet the requirements. He thought that sum could be raised, the county board of supervisors to vote \$5,000 to \$10,000 to the improvement of the grounds. The fair would be of interest to the whole county. The speaker did not know what Chicago would do. There are four members of the board in Chicago, and he thought they were friendly to Decatur.

Mr. E. A. Gastman in response to calls suggested that if our people were desirous of advertising the industries and advantages of Decatur, the fair would be a big thing. The state fair will make the city well known, there can be no doubt about that. It would bring a good class of people to Decatur, such as mechanics, farmers and stock raisers, and they would come in large numbers. As to the ways and means of raising the money he was in the dark, but thought there should be no serious difficulty in raising the money. The Sangamon county board voted \$15,000 to \$20,000 to fit up their fair grounds. The Macon county board could legally vote \$10,000 for the same purpose.

State Senator Johns entered the room, having just arrived from Springfield, and by invitation addressed the meeting at some length in a very hopeful manner, pointing briefly the power of the board to locate the fair permanently if it thought best to do so, at the same time detailing the experience of our people in the fair fight waged in 1884. He knew that the state board was anxious for Decatur to take the fair two years ago—it was offered to him, but we didn't want it for two years. Now that it is to be located for four years, it is worth fighting for, and he thought Decatur had a good chance to get it. The fair will be a great benefit to all classes of people and tradesmen, will increase the prosperity of our city, advertise it, and if it is successful each year, the successes will redound to the credit of the city in many ways.

A MOTION. In concluding his remarks the Senator offered a motion that a committee of five be appointed to determine what ought to be done in the way of securing the fair, the same committee to name such sub-committees as may be deemed necessary to attain the desired result. The motion was adopted.

THE COMMITTEE. The chair appointed the following gentlemen as members of the general committee: W. H. Linn, chairman, William Voorries, Jr., W. B. Chambers, D. C. Shookley and James Miliken. Subsequently on motion of Mr. Shookley, Mayor Kanan was added to the committee.

John Lindsay made some sarcastic remarks about a county fair, and his motion that the committee report a plan for a county fair got a feeble second. The motion was defeated.

On motion of Mayor Kanan the meeting adjourned until Monday night, January 21st.

Sixty fresh country butter, good apples and splendid potatoes at Hanks & Patterson's grocery store.

"Tax Sin Against the Holy Ghost." was the subject of Rev. Miller's sermon at the First M. E. church last night, and it was listened to with the closest attention by a large congregation. At the close of the discourse Henry Linn took charge and conducted the revival services. Six persons went to the altar and two were converted, while several in the congregation asked the prayers of the church.

Justice Curtis put the Remington under a \$30 bond to keep the peace for three months. He failed to furnish the bond and went to jail, where he will keep quiet or the prisoners will give him a drubbing such as his wife cannot inflict.

DIED. Near Beardstown, January 19, at 1:10 p. m., of diphtheria, Rita, daughter of Jerry Miller, aged 7 years and 5 months. The deceased was a niece of Frank Lehman of this city.

The funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Mary J. Lehman, No. 657 West Wood street, on Sunday at 11:30 a. m.

PRICES

That Mean What They Say.

NOTE THE QUOTATIONS FROM

+LINN & SCRUGGS.+

Examine the Goods and Compare the Prices.

Words are Cheap, Printer's Ink is Cheap, but the Best Goods for the LEAST MONEY are CHEAPER.

WE WILL SELL:

20,000 yds. Best Calico at 3c—worth 7c. 10,000 yds Best Southern Shirting Plaids, at 6 1/2c.

Good Apron Checks, at 5c. 1500 yards Amoskeag and Reunited Gingham at 7c. 20,000 yards clear Cotton Prints at 8c. 3,000 yds Bleached Cotton at 1 1/2c. Good Comforts, full size, at 18c. 50c. 65 doz. Family Danish Towels 18x24 at 18c. 10 doz. Satin Danish Towels 22x24 at 25c. 50 doz. India rubber made Black Cashmere Hose at 18c. 5 doz. English Black Cashmere Hose at 50c—worth 75c. Gray Wool Blankets at \$10, \$12, \$14, \$17 and \$19. White Blankets at \$2.50—worth \$3.50. Scarlet or White all wool Blankets at \$3.25, \$4.18 and \$5.25—25 per cent below value. 45 pieces fancy Plushes and Velvets at 94c—worth \$1.25. Striped and Brocade Silks and Satine at 98c—worth \$1.75. Corsets, way down in price. One lot colored Rhinoceros at 55c—worth \$1.25. 2,000 yards Turkey Red Damask, fancy colors, at 24c—worth 40c. 1,000 yds. best Scotch Turkey Red Damask at 18c—worth 35c. 24 dozen Towels at 55c per dozen. 60 dozen all linen Towels, 18x36, at 12 1/2c each. 30 dozen all linen Towels, 18x36, at 12 1/2c each. 25 doz. all linen Danish Towels, 18x37, at 17c each. 60 dozen lush black and colored Cashmere Hose at 18c. 45 doz. 11 Misses' black and colored Cashmere Hose at 15c—worth 50c. Also 10 doz. Wool Factory Hose. Also at 12c.

FOR RENT, FOR SALE, WANTED, &c.

(Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted at 25 cents per week, payable in advance.)

FOR RENT—A pleasant front room, with gas, close, second floor, suitable for two single persons, or a small office, with private bath, furnished or unfurnished—No. 27 South Main St., city. Tel. 100.

FOR SALE—A beautiful house, with gas, close, second floor, suitable for two single persons, or a small office, with private bath, furnished or unfurnished—No. 27 South Main St., city. Tel. 100.

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Headache, Cures, Earache, Neuralgia, Sore Throat, Catarrh, Croup, Frostbite, Rheumatism, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Old Sores, etc.

Sole Distributors, 50c and \$1.00.

WIZARD OIL CO., 111 N. W. 1st St., Chicago.

FOR PAIN

Special to Gas Consumers.

When any of our customers are annoyed with "poor light," which they suppose comes from "poor gas," they should notify the company at the office, 124 North Water street, (Warren & Durfee), and prompt inspection will be made to ascertain the cause, so that the remedy may be applied.

The difficulty in every instance will be found in an obstructed passage, either from the pipes or burners, as the gas itself is under constant photometric test, and is furnished to the consumer at full candle power. The reason for this is the desire of the company that every customer should have the benefit of the fact without hindrance.

An Eye-Opener.

100 Dozen Natural Wool Goods. Unfinished, warranted all fine Merino wool, finished, guaranteed, suitable for the most delicate, and received at the lowest prices. We offer these goods to the trade at the astonishing low price of \$1.00 for Undershirt and \$1.00 for drawers.

Linn & Scroggs

Involve special attention to their recent importation of Kid Gloves, comprising the newest shades of unadorned as well as plain black in Button and Hook Gloves, that are manufactured in the celebrated "Morse" brand.

This Court House Restaurant has been greatly enlarged and improved. It is now a first-class restaurant, with a full and complete kitchen, and a full and complete bar. It is now a first-class restaurant, with a full and complete kitchen, and a full and complete bar.

Choice Residence Property FOR SALE.

My late residence at 310 South Broadway is offered for sale on easy terms. It is a four-story house, with a full and complete kitchen, and a full and complete bar. It is now a first-class restaurant, with a full and complete kitchen, and a full and complete bar.

Medicine and Surgery.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Henry Irving, the Actor, Suffering from a Cold and Sore Throat.

The Scotch Mineral Oil Association—The Fatal Balloon Ascension—Lieutenant Daniel Drowned.

England.

HENRY IRVING'S THROAT.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Henry Irving is suffering from a cold which affects his throat. Sir Morrell Mackenzie, who has been attending to him, says that he is better.

Scotland.

WILL CONTINUE ITS AGREEMENT.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 18.—The Scotch Mineral Oil Association has decided to continue its agreement with the American companies for another year.

Belgium.

LIEUTENANT DANIEL DROWNED.

ASSEWER, Jan. 18.—The lieutenant, Henri Wolf, who with Lieutenant Daniel ascended in a balloon Wednesday and was carried out to sea, has been rescued. Daniel was drowned.

Germany.

WILL RESIGN.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—It is reported that President Simon of the Leipzig High Court will resign on account of criticisms in connection with his release of Prof. Geffcken.

Austria.

A DEAD WOMAN'S TRUNK.

VIENNA, Jan. 18.—Hana di Murska, the once famous vocalist, is dead. The cause of her death was marked by illness, poverty and distress.

A WILD MAN CAPTURED.

A Long Chase Results in the Capture of a Wild Man in Russell.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 18.—A wild man was captured Saturday in the wilds of Russell County, near Horsefall creek. The capture was effected after a long chase, and the man was taken to a local hospital.

Contents of a Dead Miser's Trunk.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—Last week Abraham Vandine died in a boarding-house in this city. The public administrator opened his possessions, and an inventory was taken. In the trunk was found nearly \$2000 in greenbacks and bonds. Henry J. Vandine, his brother, arrived from New Jersey yesterday and claimed the estate.

Attempted Assassination.

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